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## Evaluating ProPack VCI film

Background: Ivana Radic, Cortec Corporation, submitted sample of Propack VCI polyethylenebased film for evaluation.

Purpose: Evaluate the contact, barrier and vapor corrosion inhibitor protection offered by ProPack VCI film.

Method: Razor Blade Test

VIA Test SO<sub>2</sub> Test

Materials: Razor Blade Test Kit

VIA Test Kit SO<sub>2</sub> Test Kit

**Procedure:** The above procedures were performed according to standard procedures for each.

**Results:** 

## **Razor Blade Test**

Material	Carbon Steel		Copper			
	Panel #1	Panel #2	Panel #3	Panel #1	Panel #2	Panel #3
ProPack VCI Film	Fail	Fail	Pass	Fail	Fail	Fail
Cortec VpCI- 126 Blue Film*	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Control	Fail	Fail	Fail	Fail	Fail	Fail

<sup>\*</sup>Typical results for Cortec VpCI-126 Blue film

## **VIA Test**

Material	Plug #1	Plug #2	Plug #3
ProPack VCI Film	Grade 1	Grade 0	Grade 1
Cortec VpCI-126	Grade 3	Grade 3	Grade 3
Blue Film*			
Control	Fail	Fail	Fail

<sup>\*</sup>Typical results for Cortec VpCI-126 Blue film



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## SO<sub>2</sub> Test

	Carbon Steel			
	Panel #1	Panel #2	Panel #3	
ProPack VCI Film	Grade-2	Grade-3	Grade-3	
Cortec VpCI-126 Blue Film*	Grade-3	Grade-3	Grade-3	
Control	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	

	Copper			
	Panel #1	Panel #2	Panel #3	
ProPack VCI Film	Grade-2	Grade-2	Grade-1	
Cortec VpCI-126 Blue Film*	Grade-3	Grade-3	Grade-3	
Control	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	

<sup>\*</sup>Typical results for Cortec VpCI-126 Blue film

Conclusion: ProPack VCI film failed to provide vapor and contact corrosion protection and provided insufficient barrier protection.

**Project #:** 05-010-2012

**Estimated Cost of Project:** 3 hours

VIA Test Grades (Grade 2 or 3 are passing)

Grade 0: Blind test

No corrosion inhibiting effect

Grade 1: Minute corrosion inhibiting effect

Grade 2: Blind test

Medium corrosion inhibiting effect

Grade 3: Blind test

Good corrosion inhibiting effect













 $SO_2$  Grades (Grade 3 and 4 are passing):

Grade 0- Extensive corrosion covering 25% or more of panel surface

Grade 1- Moderate corrosion covering 10-25% of panel surface

Grade 2- Slight corrosion covering 5-10% of panel surface

Grade 3- Very slight corrosion covering 0-5% of panel surface

Grade 4- No visible corrosion on panel surface

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